IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 – 21, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

22.   A personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant; and

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information.

23.   The system of claim 22, further comprising an information transmission device integral with said personal assistant.

24.   The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a laser configured to read bar codes.

25.   The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a magnetic strip reader.

26.   The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is an infra-red beam.

27. The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is an alpha-numeric scanner.

28. The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a radio frequency transceiver.

29. The system of claim 22, further comprising a connection to an external computer.

30. A method of automatically associating information with an individual identified by an identifier, said method comprising:
    storing said information in a personal assistant;
    recording a voice file associated with said information;
    reading an identifier and relating said identifier with said voice file; and
    automatically associating the identifier with the information.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of reading scans a bar code uniquely associated with the individual.

32. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of providing a physician with a second bar code associated with information.

33. The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of scanning the second bar code.

34. The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of associating the information associated with the second bar code with the information.

35. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of transferring the information to a computer.

36. The method of claim 30, wherein the identifier is a bar code.

37. The method of claim 30, wherein the information transmission device is a laser configured to read bar codes.

38. A software program for operating a personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant; and

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information.

39. The software program of claim 38, wherein said automated data collection module accepts data gathered by an information transmission device.

40. The software program of claim 38, wherein the electronic physician data module associates a patient record with a patient.

41. The software program of claim 40, wherein said association occurs via data gathered by an information transmission device.